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We write in support of this Bill.

In many countries of the world, abortion based on gender selection – biased against girls and in favour of boys – is practised.

As a result of this *gendercide*, countries such as India and China now possess significant imbalances in the number of girls and boys in specific age groups.

This does not bode well for future family formation in these countries.

There is even evidence to suggest that this practice is becoming prevalent among migrants of certain ethnic groups who are settling in this country.

Equally disturbing is the tendency for people to abort children because they do not possess certain desirable characteristics: sex, physical attributes, mental attributes, etc.

In essence we appear to be practising eugenics: the very process we condemned in Nazi Germany and, inter alia, the reason over which we went to war with that country between 1939 and 1945.

There is no excuse for these practices to continue, either in Australia or indeed the civilised world.

We trust that the Parliament will support this Bill.

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